

Timber products RSA holds industry-wide survey

ISHPEMING — The Michigan Timber and Forest Products Industry Regional Skills Alliance is conducting an industry-wide survey with the help of several timber and forestry trade associations.

The survey will target industry business owners and upper level management employees. The results will be utilized to educate and leverage the industry and policy-makers with the net result of making the industry more sustainable.

The Timber and Forest Products Industry Regional Skills Alliance is funded by the Michigan State Department of Labor and Economic Growth and is intended to assist the timber products industry in identifying current and future workforce issues, including skills gaps and training needs.

Northern Initiatives, based in Marquette, is serving as convener of the RSA. Northern Initiatives is a non-prof-

it community development corporation that supports entrepreneurs, businesses, manufacturing firms, banks, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations in a common effort to strengthen the economy of the U.P..

The partners assisting with writing this survey includes the Michigan State University Department of Forestry, the Michigan State University Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resources Studies, the University of Wisconsin Forestry Department and the USDA Forest Service. The Michigan State University Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resources will quantify the results of the survey on the behalf of the Skills Alliance.

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